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GROW MORE FOOD : NEW WELL SUBSIDY SCHEME : PROGRESS REPORT MONTH ENDING JULY 1947 : BOARD'S REVIEW : RECORDED WITH REMARKS.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT
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GROW MORE FOOD : Well Subsidy Schemes - Progress Report - Month ending 31st July 1947 - ~~Revised~~. Reviewed

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Station: Madras. Res. Rt. No. 6201/46 dated the 28th October 1947.

From

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Joint Secretary, Board of Revenue.

V.N. Kudva, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue, Excise and Prohibition.

Read - Reports from the Collectors.

RESOLUTION:

The Board submits to Government the following consolidated review of the progress made in respect of all the three Well Subsidy Schemes:-

2. The reports under the New Well Subsidy Scheme were received in time only from the Collectors of North Arcot, Chittoor, Tinnevelly, Ramnad, Tanjore, Salem, Anantapur, East Godavari and South Kanara and the delay in the receipt of reports from the other Collectors ranged from 1 to 44 days. The report from the Collector of Kistna was the last to be received. The reports under the Accelerated Scheme were received in time only from the Collectors of North Arcot, Chingleput, Tinnevelly, Ramnad, Tanjore, Madras, Madura, Salem, Anantapur and East Godavari and the delay in the receipt of the reports from the other Collectors ranged from 1 to 47 days, the report from the Collector of Kistna being the last to be received. Only the Collector of Anantapur submitted the return relating to the Ceded districts Modified Scheme in time. The attention of Collectors is invited to the Board's observations in paragraph 2 of its Proceedings Rt. No. 5188 dated the 5th September 1947. They are requested to avoid such delays in future.

3. The progress made (i) in the receipt and disposal of applications under the New Well Subsidy Scheme and (ii) in the construction and repair of wells under the Accelerated Scheme and Ceded districts Modified Scheme for the month under review is as shown below:

A. NEW WELL SUBSIDY SCHEME: The number of applications pending disposal at the end of the previous month was 47,132 according to the previous review. Revised figures have, however, been adopted by some Collectors and the number of applications pending disposal at the end of the previous month has been reported to be 46,936. The number of applications received during the month was 16,001 involving an amount of Rs. 51,87,625. The total number of appliations for disposal during the month was 62,937 involving an amount of Rs. 2,07,56,881. Out of this, 1962 applications involving a sum of Rs. 6,45,655 were sanctioned and 6,159 applications involving a sum of Rs. 20,03,540 were rejected - thus leaving a balance of 54,816 applications for disposal at the end of the month.

(ii) The Board is constrained to observe that the returns have not been prepared carefully with the result that several discrepancies are noticed. Collectors are requested to see that proper attention is paid to the preparation of the returns.

B. ACCELERATED WELLS SUBSIDY SCHEME: ~~Wells~~: NEW WELLS:

	Upto 30-6-47	In the month	Upto 31-7-1947
1. No. of wells completed.	35226	plus 512	35738
2 No. of wells in progress.	22388	minus 368	22,020
3 No. of wells to be taken up including cases in which recovery of subsidy has been ordered.	3966	minus 144	3,822
Total No. of wells for which subsidies have been paid.	61580		61,580

OLD WELLS

	Upto 30-6-47	In the month	Upto 31-7.47
1. No. of wells completed.	18,917	plus 1371	20,288
2. No. of wells in progress.	9,898	minus 1644	8,254
3. No. in respect of which work has not been started including cases in which recovery of subsidy has been ordered.	1,866	plus 278	2,144
Total No. of wells for which subsidies have been paid.	30,681		30,686*

* Increase by 5 due to revised figures adopted by the Collectors of Anantapur and Malabar.

(ii) It is observed from the statement above that 512 new and 1371 old wells were completed during the month under review. The progress made in the completion of new wells is very slow. The time allowed for the completion of repairs to old and abandoned wells expired by the 30th June 1947. The work in respect of 1371 old wells is, however, reported to have been completed in July 1947, i.e. after the close of the prescribed period. These wells will not therefore be entitled to the subsidies granted and they will have to be recovered. Collectors are requested to report whether steps are being taken to recover the subsidies in respect of all old wells which were not completed by 30th June 1947 and the circumstances in which extensions of time have been allowed by Collectors till 31st July 1947 and the works deemed to have been completed.

The attention of the Collectors is invited to the new form prescribed in the Board's L.Dis. No. V.Spl.3084/47 dated the 6th October 1947 for the submission of the monthly returns in respect of old wells. They are requested to submit all future reports in the revised form.

(iii) 811 new and 305 old wells have been inspected by Revenue Divisional Officers during the month under reveiw. The total number of wells inspected by Revenue Divisional Officers upto the end of the month is 7,271 new and 3,038 old wells. The Board hopes that Revenue Divisional Officers will inspect as many wells as possible.

(iv) The following statement shows the additional area brought under irrigation and the additional quantity of foodgrains produced under the Accelerated Scheme upto the end of the month under review:

		New Wells.	Old Wells.
Additional area brought under irrigation.	Acrs.	40,161	15,035
Additional quantity of food grains produced.	Tons.	14,746	5,345

(v). The Collector of Coimbatore sanctioned the write off of Rs.50 being a part of the subsidy granted in one case under the Accelerated Scheme. The Collector of Bellary sanctioned the write off of Rs.360 being a portion of the subsidy granted in one case under the Ceded Districts Modified Scheme. The attention of these Collectors is invited to para 1 (3) of G.O. No. 2217 Rev. dated 8-10-1946 and they are requested to submit these cases for the confirmation of their orders by the Board. The Collectors of Chittoor, Kurnool and Salem have not submitted the list of cases in which they sanctioned the write off of subsidies during the month under review. "Nil" reports should be submitted even if there are no cases in which the Collectors sanctioned the write off of subsidies.

C. CEDED DISTRICTS MODIFIED WELLS SCHEME: The following statement will show the progress made in the construction and repir of wells, the additional area brought under irrigation and the additional quantity of foodgrains produced from the wells subsidised under the scheme.

Total Number of wells.	Number of wells						
	Completed			In progress	To be taken up.	In respect of which recovery has been ordered.	In respect of which write off has been ordered.
	Upto the previous month.	In the month	Total				
-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-	-7-	-8-
New Wells	~~1,983~~* 1983*	~~98~~* 91*	1	93	1,487	375	27	1
Old Wells	527*	93*	31	124	269	64	70	

*Variation from the last months figures are due to the revised figures adopted by Collectors.

		New Wells.	Old Wells
Additional area brought under irrigation.	Acres.	101	201
Additional quantity of food grains produced	Tons.	37.5	34.5

The progress in the completion of new wells is very slow. The time for the completion of old wells expired by 30th June 1947. The work in respect of 31 old wells is, however, reported to have b been completed in July 1947 i.e. after the prescribed period. These wells will not ther fore be entitled to the subsidies granted and they will have to be recovered. Collectors are requested to report wheter steps are not being taken to recover the subsidies in respect of all old wells which were not completed by 30th June 1947 and the circumstances in which extensions of time have been allowed by Collectors beyond that date.

Sd/. for Joint Secretary

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
To the Collectors of all districts, except the Nilgiris and Madras.
To the Director of Agriculture, Madras.

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GROW MORE FOOD - Well Subsidy Schemes - Progress Report for July 1947 - Board's review - Recorded

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Revenue Department.

B.O. (Ms) No. 32. Dated, the 7th January 1948

READ - the following:

From the Board of Revenue, Resn. Rt. No.6201 dated 27th October 1947.

ORDER:

R e c o r d e d.

2. The amount sanctioned for subsidies under the New Well Subsidy Scheme is Rs. 1.5 crores. It is seen from the Board's proceedings read above that the amount spent upto the end of July 1947 is Rs. 15,75,790. The progress is thus very slow. The Board is requested to report urgently the reasons for this slow progress.

2. Under the new scheme, the disbursement of subsidies will stop on 31st March 1948. There are hardly four months more. The Board is therefore requested to impress upon the Collectors, the importance of the scheme from the Grow More Food point of view and to see that all possible steps are taken to sepend the amount allotted for the scheme.

3. The new scheme was specially intended to benefit the districts of South Kanara and Malabar. It is observed that the progress made in these districts regarding repair of old tanks and construction of new ones is almost negligible. The Board is requested to instruct the Collectors of South Kanara and Malabar to see that better progress is shown in the coming months. The Board is also requested to put in a separate paragraph in the future reports reviewing the progress made in these two districts.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)
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Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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